¶ ORDERS CONCEIVED BY the Lords of his Maieſties Priuie Counſell, and by

his Highneſſe ſpeciall direction, commanded to be put in execution for the reſtraint of *killing, and eating of Fleſh this next Lent, and to be executed aſwell by the Lord Maior within the Citie and Suburbs of London, and by the Officers of the Liberties and exempt places in and about the ſame, as by order to bee preſcribed by the Lords Lieutenants of all the Counties of the Realme, to the Iuſtices of Peace, Lords of Liberties, and Officers of Corporate Townes.*

30. Ianuary, in the ſixt yeere of his Maieſties Reigne of great Britaine, France and Ireland.

THe Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie vnderſtanding of the great diſorders heretofore, and eſpecially the laſt Lent, committed in killing and eating Fleſh in the time of Lent, chiefly in the Citie of London, and the Liberties thereto adioyning, ſtraightly chargeth and commandeth, That theſe Orders following, be obſerued and put in execution.

FIrſt, there ſhall be onely eight Butchers licenced by the Lord Maior within the City of London, Viz. Foure in Eaſtcheape, and foure in S. Nicholas Shambles, who ſhall be of the poorer ſort, and ſhall not pay any thing for their Licences, nor ioyne with them any partners.

THat euery of the ſaid Butchers ſo to be Licenced within the Citie, and Liberties thereof, doe vtter and ſell in their open Shops, in ſuch ſort as in open time they are accuſtomed to doe, and at ſuch Rates and prices as ſhalbe ſet downe by Order of the Lord Maior of London for that Citie, and the Liberties thereof: And beſides, euery Butcher ſhall keepe a perfect Booke what quantitie of Fleſh they kill euery day, and of what kinds, and to what perſons they ſell and vtter the ſame, and the ſaid Butchers to certifie the Lord Maior, to the end the Lords of his Maieſties Priuie Counſell may bee informed by him, how the Lawes and Statutes in this behalfe prouided, are obſerued within the ſaid Citie and Liberties thereof.

THat there be Licenced to kill and vtter Fleſh in the Suburbs of the ſaid Citie, as in the Counties of Middleſex and Surrey neere vnto London, onely tenne Butchers, And theſe to be Licenced by the Iuſtices within the ſeuerall Limits, whereof two to bee of the Quorum, That is, two without Temple Barre in the Pariſh of S. Clement Danes, Two without Smithfield Barres in the Pariſh of S. Pulchres, or Clarketon Well, or one of them, One in Whitecroſſe ſtreet, One in Norton Folgate, One in White Chappell, One in S. Katherines, Two in Southwarke; And for the Citie of Weſtminſter, and the Liberties thereof, two Butchers to be Licenced by the Chiefe Officer of that Libertie, And thoſe to bee (as before expreſſed, for the ſaide Citie and Liberties,) of the poorer ſort inhabiting in thoſe places, And to be licenced without any money, or other conſideration to bee giuen for the ſame, and to be bound to obſerue the like Orders in euery reſpect, as thoſe that are to be appointed for London, and the ſaid Clearke of the Market, Officer and Iuſtice, there to ſee them, and to ſet the prices of the Victuall to be vttered in thoſe places.

THat no perſon be permitted to kill or ſell any Fleſh but to thoſe that are Licenced, nor in any other place then before is ſpecified, vpon paine to forfeit the Fleſh to be giuen to the poore in the priſons, and to ſuffer impriſonment.

THat the Conſtables, Church Wardens, and other publique Officers be authoriſed in London, and the Liberties thereof, by the Lord Maior, and by the Iuſtices in the Counties of Middleſex and Surrey, and the forenamed Officers in Weſtminſter, to make ſearch, and to ſee that the Licenced Butchers, nor any other doe kill or vtter any Fleſh, nor doe any thing contrary to theſe Orders.

AND for the better knowledge of the trueth of diſorders in this kinde, and redreſſe of the inconueniences, the Lord Maior of London, and euery other Officer here appointed, ſhall call before them, and ſend for any of the ſeruants of any Inholders, Victuallers, Tauerners, and keepers of ordinary

Tables, and ſuch other that vtter Victuals, to examine them vpon their corporall Oathes, What Fleſh is, or hath bene during the Lent ſeaſon, dreſſed, killed, vttered, or eaten in their houſes, which if they ſhall refuſe to doe, then to commit to priſon the ſaid ſeruants ſo refuſing vpon their Oathes to declare the trueth.

That the Lord Maior himſelfe ſhall grant no warrant for buying of Fleſh in Lent, but to ſuch as ſhall haue or ſhew to him licence in Writing, according to the Lawes of the Realme to eate Fleſh, and the ſame Licence to be viewed and Regiſtred, and Bookes to bee kept thereof, to bee ſhewed when the ſame ſhalbe required, vnleſſe it be to Embaſſadours and Agents of forraine Princes.

That the Lord Maior ſhall now preſently before Lent, or at the beginning thereof, cauſe all Inholders, keepers of Ordinary Tables, Victuallers, Alehouſe keepers, and Tauernors within the Citie and Liberties thereof to appeare before him, or ſuch perſons as he ſhall appoint meete for that purpoſe, and ſhall take Bonds with ſufficient Sureties of euery of them in good ſummes of money, Viz. one hundred pound the principall, & the Suerties thirtie pound apeece to his Maieſties vſe, not to dreſſe any Fleſh in their houſes this Lent time for any reſpect, nor ſuffer it to be eaten, except it be for ſome ſuch perſon that lyeth in their houſe, that alſo hath licence through ſickneſſe, or other neceſſary cauſe to eate Fleſh. Alſo like bonds ſhall be taken of the Poulters, not to vtter any Poultry ware, but to ſuch as ſhall be likewiſe licenced to eate Fleſh, and that ſuch as will not giue ſuch Bonds, that they be ſecluded from all vtterance of Victualls during the Lent ſeaſon, excepting thoſe Poulters that doe ordinarily ſerue his Maieſties Houſhold, of whom like Bonds ſhall be taken by his Maieſties Officers of the Greenecloth: the like bonds with Suerties ſhall be taken of the like perſons vpon like penalties by the chiefe Officer of Weſtminſter, and the liberties thereof.

And for the Butchers & other that come with Victuals of fleſh out of the Countrie to the Citie, the Lord Maior ſhall cauſe certaine perſons to watch at the Gates and other like places in the Subburbs where Fleſh may be brought in, to view and ſearch, and to intercept the ſame. The Carriers of the ſaid Victualls of Fleſh if any ſhall be taken, to be guided to the perſons houſes that haue licence, and this Watch to be continued dayly during the whole time of Lent: And if any of thoſe watchmen be found negligent and corrupt in his charge, then he to be committed to priſon, there to continue during the whole Lent. And in caſe the ſame ſhall be found to be brought to any perſon not warranted, or licenſed to eate it as is aforeſayd, then the ſame to be forfeited and ſold at the direction of the Lord Maior for the vſe of the poore in the Hoſpitalls and Priſons in the Citie, and the bringers to be impriſoned.

And for that it is to be doubted that the Fiſhmongers, vpon the obſeruation of the ſaid Orders, will take occaſion thereby to inhanſe the prices as well of freſh as of Sea fiſh, it is thought meete that the Lord Maior ſhall take order with the ſayd Fiſhmongers, that as well the ſalt as freſh fiſh ſhall be vttered at reaſonable prices.

That euery of the Butchers to be licenſed as aforeſayd, be bound in a ſufficient Bond with good Suerties to his Maieſties vſe, to obſerue theſe orders in euery reſpect, and theſe bonds to be taken by the Lord Maior, and other the Officers aforeſayd.

And as thoſe orders are expreſly deuiſed to be executed in the Citie of London, and places neere to the ſame: ſo his Maieſties pleaſure & commandement is, that the execution of theſe or like orders be performed by the Commaundement of his Maieſties Lieutenants to be ſent to the Juſtices of Peace in all Shires within their Rule, and to all other Officers in Townes Corporate, or in any Liberties, with like order for the Bonds to be taken to his Maieſties vſe.

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